The Hon.ble John Hancock Esq.r

Boston October 21. 1776.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you the 19.th Since which have made inquiry & find that the Cards cost 72/ ℔ doz. both sorts, the Case 6/. This day was told that M.r Saunders who lives in your House had, sometime past sold a quantity of Tar that belonged to you. I ask'd him about it, he says that before the Troops left the Town there was about 30 full barrells of Tar in one of the Stores, that he had often been told by the Soldiers that it would certainly be seized for the King because it belonged to you he therefore very prudently sold it for 10/ ℔ barrell. The Money he has applied to his own support, and says he will account with you for it, and also that his Stock is almost out & he shall soon want more Money. Your Negro Woman, Lignis, is in Town, and has desired me to mention to you that she begs you would be so kind to her as to give her the Bed & Bedding that she used while in your family, which is in your House. Nothing new has turn'd up, Sir, since my last except the Account of the Engagement on the Lake, it is said our Men behaved gallantly. The new Arrangement of the Army engages the whole attention of the General Court and I hear by one of the Members that they have resolv'd to raise the Men's pay to £3. ℔ month if it is not done by the Grand Congress. I am exceeding happy to hear that the Congress is about taking measures to prevent the further undervaluing of their paper Currency by opening Loan Offices and giving an Interest. Unless something is soon done to stop this growing Evil, it will throw us into the greatest Confusion; People here don't mind giving the most extravagant prices for Goods and seem uneasy untill they have exchanged their Cancon & Spinglass, as it is called, meaning the Continental Money, for Articles which in their Opinion are of more sure worth. This Conduct must have a fatal tendency in every department unless speedily prevented by some new measures that shall be sufficient to keep up the Credit of the Currency to the full value. The General Court will soon move to Town. All your friends, Sir, that is to say, every Man I meet, are frequently inquiring after your health & welfare, and since the Report that there is a prospect of an important addition to your family I have many questions ask'd me, that are of a new & particular kind, as they respect you, Sir, and more especially by the Ladies, I hope soon to be able to answer them in a more positive Stile than at present I am able to do. M.rs Bass joins me as usual, in most respectful Regards to you, Sir, M.rs Hancock and Miss Quincy. I am, more particularly, worthy Sir,

Your ever Obliged & most Obedient

& most humble Servant

William Bass

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